

*AS*  
*sub. 1*  
7.) (once amended)

The ear coupler according to claim 6, wherein said highly flexible flange additionally includes a second set of surface features to aid in coating said highly flexible flange with said adhesive.

13.) (once amended)

The ear coupler according to claim 1 or 2, additionally comprising a tab integral with said highly flexible flange.

*AS*  
*sub. 1*  
14.) (once amended)

An ear coupler comprising:

an annular side wall;

a bottom wall, integral with said annular side wall;

an internal chamber, formed by said bottom wall and said annular side wall;

a port in said annular side wall; and

a highly flexible flange extending from and substantially around said annular side wall, said flange being coated adhesive, and having a barrier for containment of said adhesive.

*AS*  
*sub. 1*  
20.) (once amended)

The ear coupler according to claim 18 or 19, wherein the means for attaching the ear coupler to a subject's head is a highly flexible flange, coated with adhesive, disposed around said chamber.

*AS*  
*sub. 1*  
22.) (once amended)

The ear coupler according to claim 20, additionally comprising a tab integral with said highly flexible flange.

*AS*  
*sub. 1*  
25.) (once amended)

An ear coupler comprising:

an annular side wall;

a bottom wall, connected with said annular side wall;

an internal chamber, formed by said bottom wall and said annular side wall;

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a port in said annular side wall; and  
a highly flexible flange connected with and substantially  
circumscribing said annular side wall, said flexible flange  
being coated with an adhesive for attaching the ear coupler  
to a subject's head.

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27.) (once amended) A method for assembling an ear coupler, comprising the steps  
of:  
providing a one-piece transparent body, said body  
having an annular side wall, a bottom wall, and a highly  
flexible flange;  
defining a port for entry of an acoustic transducer  
assembly in said annular side wall; and  
dispensing an adhesive on said highly flexible flange.
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Finally, please cancel claims 15 and 16.